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WILLIAMS before the fire, and Williams rebuilt, will be the equivalence of a transformation scene.

LOOKOUT for Williams in the near future! The push of our business men and the general confidence of the people of this section guarantee success for this hustling little burg.

No SECTION of the territory has been more favored with copious rains than the section in which Williams is situated, and from every rancher hereabouts comes words of confidence and assurance of plenty of water. Much stock in Northern Arizona will be fattened on the green grass on the mountain sides this fall without shipping to the feeding grounds of the central states. It is this confidence in home produce that guarantees good times and abundant finances for Arizona.

THE NEWS acknowledges receipt of "The Abstract of the Eleventh Census, 1890, Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged," which is distributed by the department of the interior, Washington, D. C. The book is neat and well bound, and is replete with the following data: population; agriculture; manufactures; fisheries; mineral industries; transportation; insurance; wealth, debt and taxation; real estate mortgages; farms and homes, proprietorship and indebtedness; education; churches; mortality; insane, feeble-minded, deaf and dumb, and blind; crime, pauperism and benevolence; Indians; Alaska.

WORK on the Santa Fe reservoir, just south of town, is being pushed rapidly forward, and it is expected to be completed by the 1st of October. This already mammoth structure is being enlarged by placing

an additional ten feet on top of the original dam, building up from the ground, thus making the dam considerably larger, and increasing its capacity greatly. The cost of the new work will be \$50,000, making the total cost something like \$104,000. This greatly increased storage space will guarantee the company a two-years' supply of water and puts that ever-important question out of the way so far as they are concerned. When the work is complete 10,000 barrels of cement will have been used in its erection. B. Lantry's Sons are the contractors.

ARIZONA as a rainless desert will be a remembrance of the past with a few more years of such rains as our beautiful land of mountains and valleys has been visited by in this year of 1901, the beginning of the new century. The rains commenced with the beginning of the new year and continued into March, and were general all over the land within its borders. Through the months of July and August they have been even more copious and far-reaching. The stockmen of all sections have had the best success this year they have had for many a year, and all are happy and jovial. The crop of alfalfa in the southern part of the territory has gone beyond expectation, especially in the magnificent agricultural valley of the Salt river. The mining interests of the territory are looking up, the tourist travel to its many places of interest is increasing, and everything points to a prosperous year ahead.

## Arizona's Petrified Forest.

The geological survey is about to issue a pamphlet containing a report on the petrified forest of Arizona by Prof. Lester F. Ward, of the national museum. In this report Prof. Ward recommends that prompt steps be taken to withdraw from entry the land embraced within the forest, and the Denver Republican says that it is probable that a bill following the line of this recommendation and including the land within a government reservation will be introduced at the approaching session of congress.

This forest, which is situated near Holbrook, a station on the line of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad, is one of the wonders of the United States. It consists of an enormous amount of petrified timber, the fallen trunks of trees belonging to a remote geological age. There are three distinct parts. The nearest to the railroad em-

braces several sections of land over which are scattered sections of numerous tree trunks. One of these, known as the Chalcedony bridge, is about four feet in diameter. It spans a deep gully. This bridge is unstable and should be supported to prevent the destruction of a remarkable natural curiosity.

The second forest, covering several hundred acres of land, is about four miles south of the first one and resembles it in many respects. The third, and largest, contains thousands of petrified logs. In some cases there are entire trees, with limbs and branches unbroken. The bark on some of the trees, although as hard as stone, is said to look as natural as if it had been cut but a short time before.

There is no question that these deposits should be preserved from acquisition by private persons. The entire forest area should be included in a national reservation or park, for although it would require many years to cart away all the petrification, the chief objects of interest and beauty could be removed or marred. The danger has been increased by the establishment of a new railroad station called Adamana, within some six miles of the nearest deposit, thus making the locality more accessible than it was before.—Ex.

## Card of Thanks.

Since the death and burial of our beloved son, Ferdie, we have, many times, long dwelt in thought over the numerous kind acts and deeds performed by friends and strangers in his rescue from the cold and cruel waters; during the hours in which all worked so faithfully to restore him to life, and the many kind acts to us and ours during the days immediately following; to those who so kindly brought floral and other tributes of love and esteem and in any way tried to make our loss appear his gain. We know that willing hands did all that was possible to restore the life that was once the pride and joy of our home, and we also realize that there is a Friend above who will enfold our loved one in the future with tender, loving care, so that, though the parting here has been almost unbearable, we can look forward to the day when we shall meet beyond the river where there shall be no more pain and sorrow. We rejoice in the friendship of those who have proven the same to us and desire to extend our heartfelt thanks for their many kindnesses to us in our bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. F. R. NELLIS.

## CHURCHES.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**—Rev. W. C. Geyer, pastor. Services as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League services Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Regular prayer meeting of the church Thursday at 7:30 p. m. The public will receive a cordial welcome to all the services.

## SOCIETIES.

**GRAND CANYON LODGE No. 14, K. OF P.** Meets every Thursday evening in I. O. O. F. hall. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

E. H. Simpson, C. C.  
Joe Slater, V. C.  
J. Phelan, K. of R. and S.

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## NOTICE.

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T. A. FLEMING,  
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Williams, Ariz., June 24, 1901.

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